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Letter dated 15 April 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write with reference to my letter of 7 March 2002 (S/2002/262).

The Counter-Terrorism Committee has received the attached supplementary report from the Dominican Republic, submitted pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1373 (2001) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Inocencio F. **Arias**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

[Original: Spanish]

Letter dated 1 April 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

I have the honour to transmit, herewith, the report of the Dominican Republic to the Counter-Terrorism Committee concerning the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) adopted on 28 September 2001 (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Manuel E. **Félix**
Ambassador
Alternate Permanent Representative
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Enclosure

[Original: Spanish]

Report of the Dominican Republic to the Counter-Terrorism Committee concerning the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) adopted on 28 September 2001

The Government of the Dominican Republic has a follow-up mechanism for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), consisting of the competent national institutions, namely the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as coordinator, the State Secretariat for the Armed Forces, the Superintendency of Banks, the Head Office for Migration, the National Police and the National Investigations Department.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as coordinator, has a contact point in the United Nations-Organization of American States, international agencies and conferences division, with support from the international studies division.

Through the State Secretariat for the Armed Forces, an anti-terrorism and anti-kidnapping division has been established, reporting to the Head Office for Intelligence, J-2, responsible for coordinating all matters relating to intelligence and security measures, which are then dealt with in coordination with other State agencies within the context of the concerns of the Security Council, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1390 (2002). Measures have also been established under the responsibility of the competent State agencies, especially the National Investigations Department and the Head Office for Migration, in accordance with the provisions of resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1333 (2000).

As to actions taken to control the financing of terrorism and terrorist activities, the Dominican Republic has complied with all the measures and recommendations made by international bodies. Terrorist actions are categorized in the Dominican Criminal Code as a grave offence.

In 1997 the Superintendency of Banks established the Financial Intelligence Division, an operational body for entities in the financial sector which are under its supervision. Also in the financial sector, act No. 72-02, on laundering of the proceeds of drug trafficking and other grave crimes, was adopted, incorporating the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering. That act, and monetary and financial act No. 183-02 of 21 November 2002, establish the invalidity of bank secrecy in cases of investigations of serious crimes, provided that a request is made through the Superintendency of Banks. This institution has also followed up on the list of individuals issued periodically by the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

With regard to border controls, the Head Office for Migration has improved its technology and has also adopted training measures for its support personnel in airports, ports and border points, through courses and instruction in the use of sophisticated equipment for the detection of false documents.

Santo Domingo, D.R.
24 March 2003